

DEAR DAVE

It's been 2 1/2 years since CSPI petitioned the FDA to count *trans* as saturated fat on labels and to ban claims like "low-cholesterol" or "low-saturated-fat" on foods that are high in *trans*.

"We're moving forward on the petition," says FDA nutritionist Camile Brewer. Perhaps the FDA needs another nudge (see coupon). Says Harvard's Walter Willett: "It's outrageous that people can't find out how much of this harmful fat their foods contain."

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RE: Docket No. 94P-0036-CP1

FROM: Margie Bird
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I urge you to take swift action on the petition by the Center for Science in the Public Interest and require that *trans* fat be included with saturated fat on food labels. Also, the amount of *trans* fat should be limited in foods that make claims like "low-saturated-fat," "cholesterol-free," or "cooked in vegetable oil." And "partially hydrogenated oil" should be called "partially saturated shortening" on food labels.

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To the Commissioner,

As a safeguard to public health, a revision needs to be made to the nutrition food labels regarding fat content. Trans fatty acid content is essential public information to utilize in making dietary choices. Allow the public to make educated choices, not deceptively erroneous decisions.

Sincerely,
Margie Bird

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